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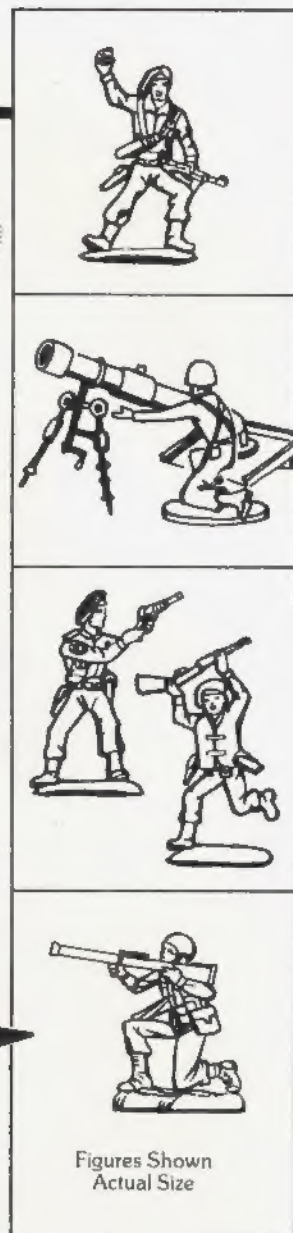
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BUT YOU!**

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SUPERMAN

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JERRY SIEGEL &
JOE SHUSTER

**WELCOME BACK
TO THE DAILY PLANET,
CLARK**

THAT'S RIGHT, CLARK-- IT'S YOUR OLD DESK! I HAD IT PUT IN STORAGE RIGHT AFTER YOU TRANSFERRED TO WGBS!

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"The SECRET OF THE SUPER-S!"

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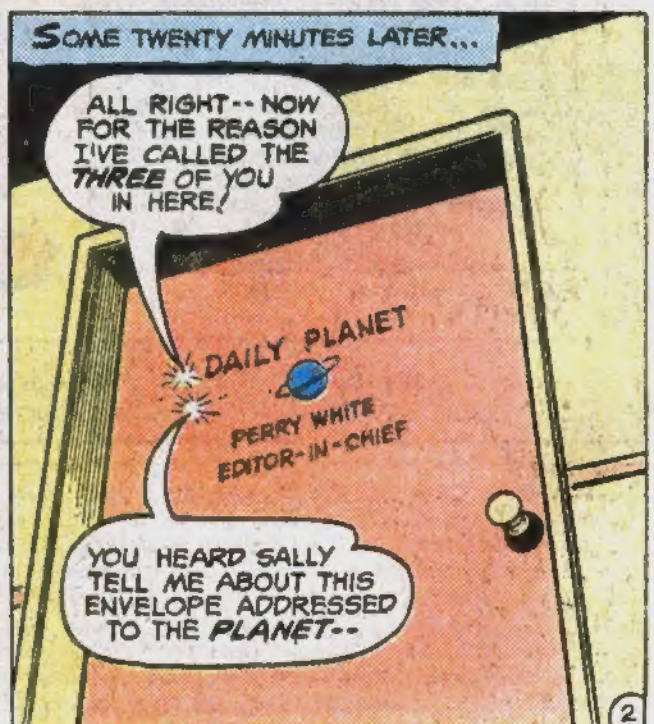
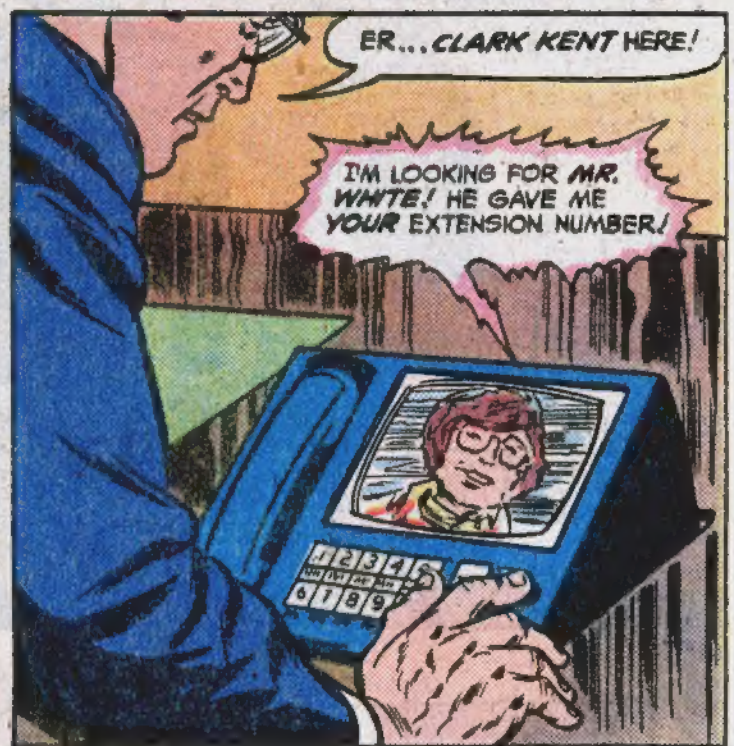
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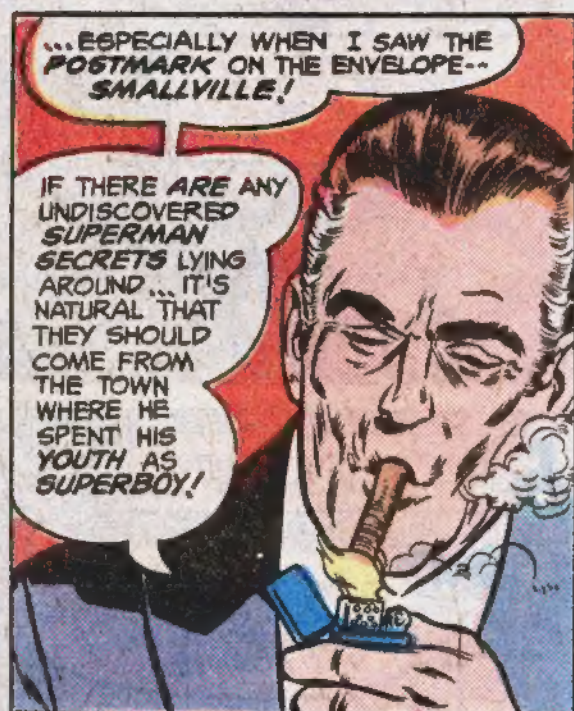
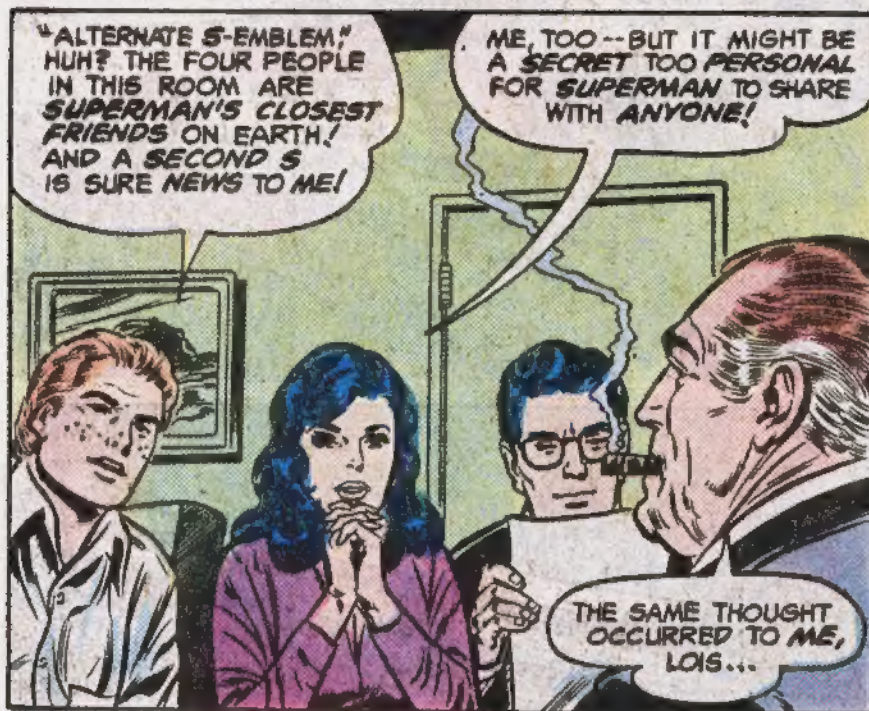
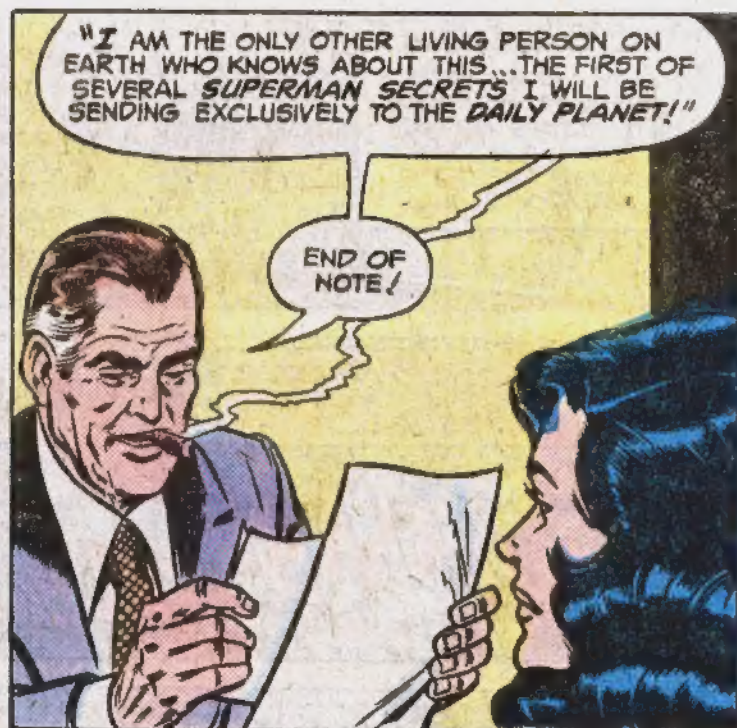
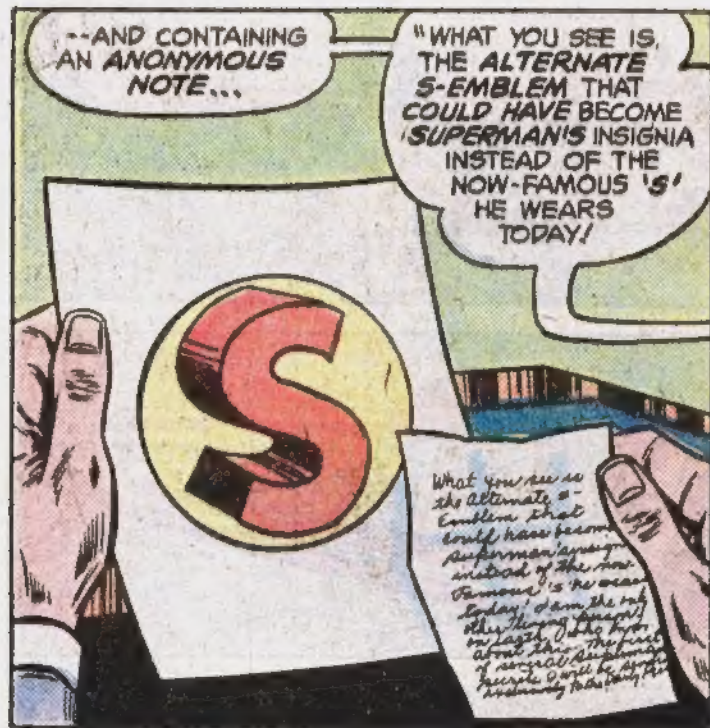
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SEVERAL HOURS LATER,
A SLEEK PASSENGER
TRAIN MAKES ITS WAY
ACROSS THE MAJESTIC
MOUNTAINS WEST OF
METROPOLIS...



... STRAIGHT TOWARD DISASTER
IN THE FORM OF A MASSIVE
ROCK-SLIDE ...

RUMMBBLLLE



... WHICH HAS JUST
BLOCKED THE TRACKS
AT THE FAR END OF A
BLIND CURVE!

HIT THE
BRAKES!

NO WAY TO
STOP IN TIME!



SCREEEEEE

BUT THE NEXT UTTERLY
ASTOUNDING MOMENT...

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
HOW CAN WE BE PASSING
CLEAR THROUGH SOLID
ROCK??



IT'S SO DARK IN HERE I CAN'T
SEE A THING! TURN ON THE BIG
LIGHTS!

OF COURSE!
WHAT OTHER POSSIBLE
EXPLANATION COULD
THERE BE?

HOW IN THE WORLD
DID HE MANAGE TO SHOW
UP JUST WHEN WE
NEEDED HIM?



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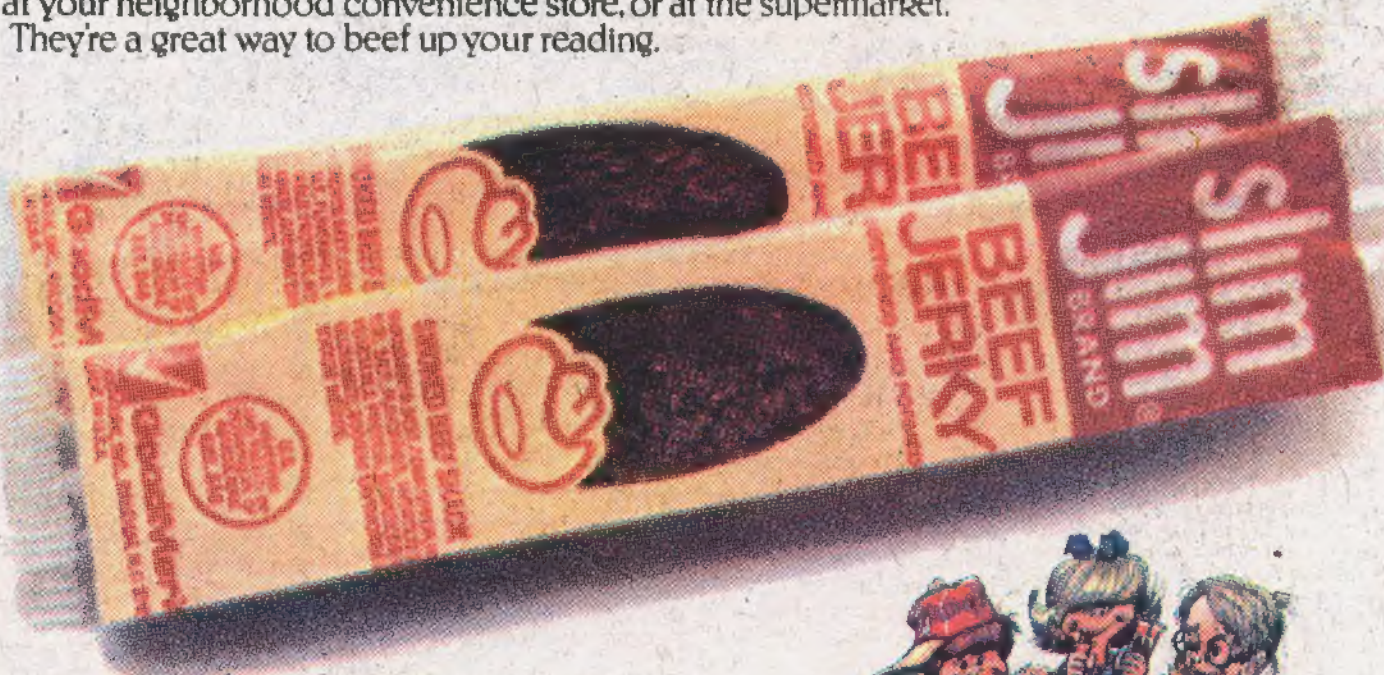
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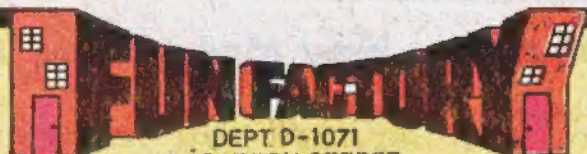


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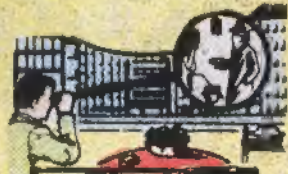


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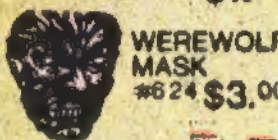
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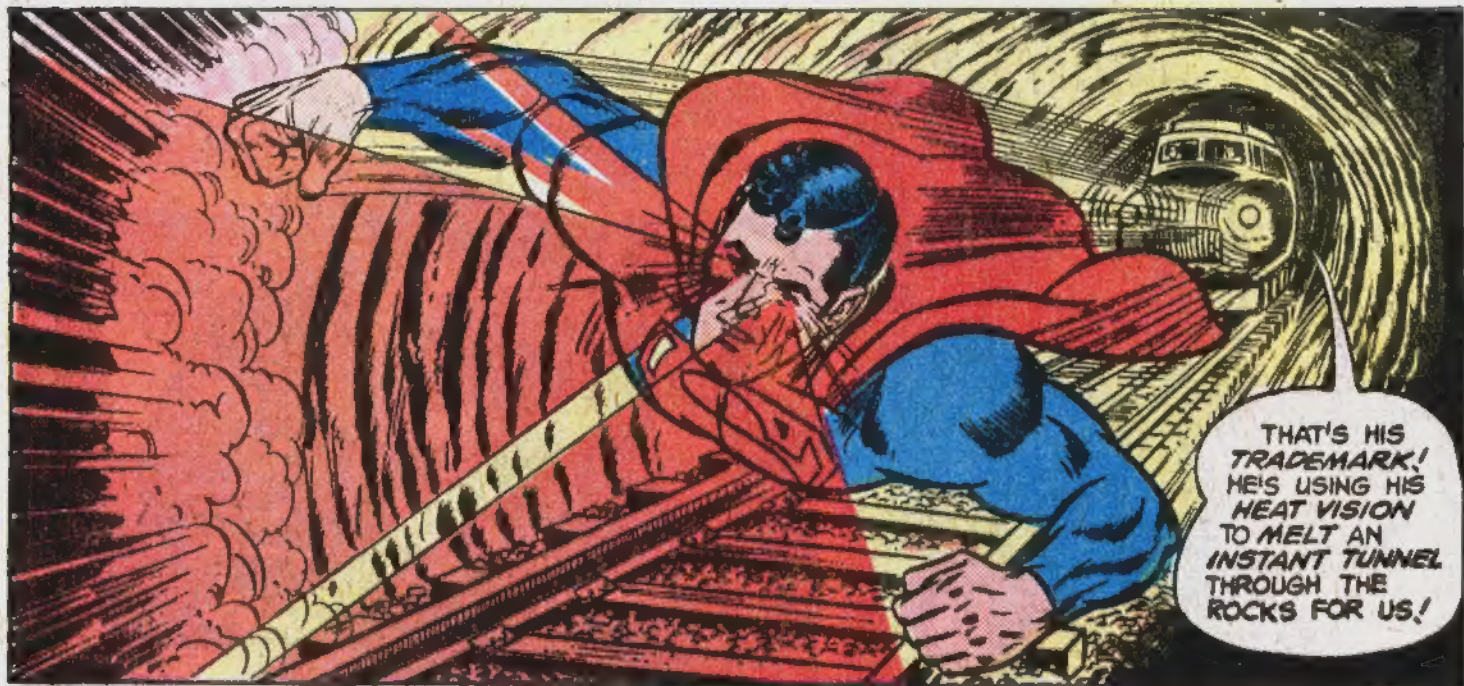
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THAT'S HIS
TRADEMARK!
HE'S USING HIS
HEAT VISION
TO MELT AN
INSTANT TUNNEL
THROUGH THE
ROCKS FOR US!



WE MADE
IT WITHOUT
A SCRATCH!
INCREDIBLE!

NO... SUPER--
AS IN
SUPERMAN!

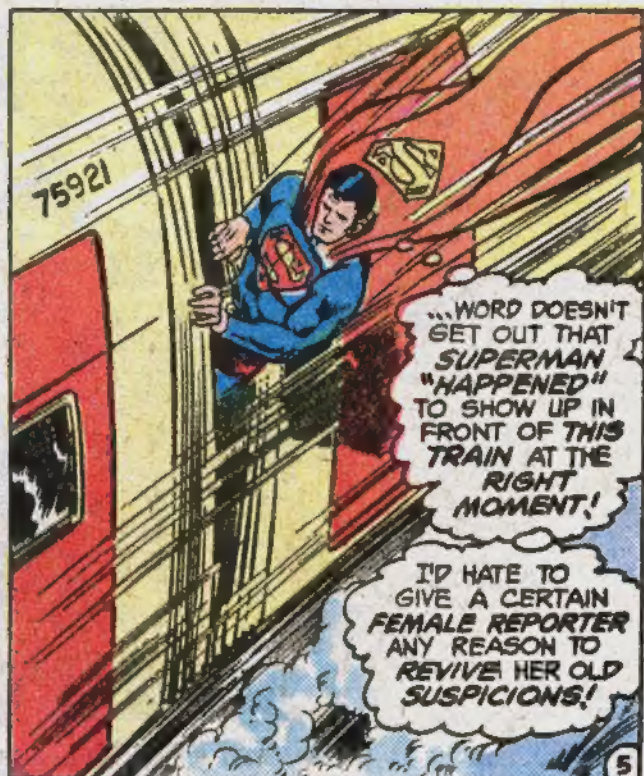


AND THIS ELIMINATES
ANY FURTHER ROCK-
SLIDE DISASTERS!



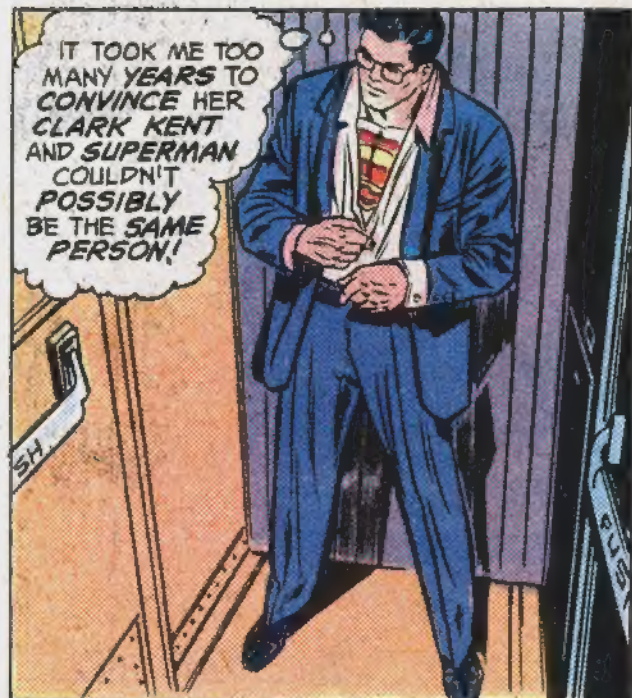
THE
PASSENGERS
PROBABLY
DON'T EVEN
REALIZE
THAT WAS AN
UNMAPPED
TUNNEL THEY
PASSED
THROUGH!

AND IT'S
JUST AS
WELL...



...WORD DOESN'T
GET OUT THAT
"SUPERMAN"
"HAPPENED"
TO SHOW UP IN
FRONT OF THIS
TRAIN AT THE
RIGHT
MOMENT!

I'D HATE TO
GIVE A CERTAIN
FEMALE REPORTER
ANY REASON TO
REVIVE HER OLD
SUSPICIONS!



IT TOOK ME TOO MANY YEARS TO CONVINCE HER CLARK KENT AND SUPERMAN COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE THE SAME PERSON!



AHH... SO YOU FINALLY GOT BACK, CLARK! YOU GET OVER YOUR TRAIN-SICKNESS--?

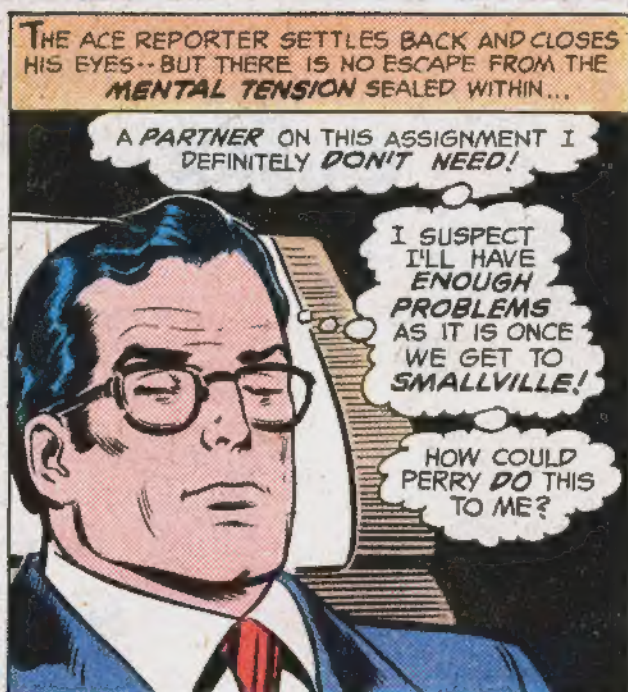
ER... JUST ABOUT! IT MUST'VE BEEN THE HIGH ALTITUDE BACK IN THOSE MOUNTAINS!



I HOPE YOU'RE NOT STILL MIFFED BECAUSE I PERSUADED PERRY TO LET ME COVER THE SECRET S STORY WITH YOU!

I NEEDED A CHANGE OF PACE FROM INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING--AND THE HUMAN CANNONBALL'S ANTICS!

I UNDERSTAND, LOIS! BESIDES, YOU AND I ALWAYS DID MAKE QUITE A TEAM!

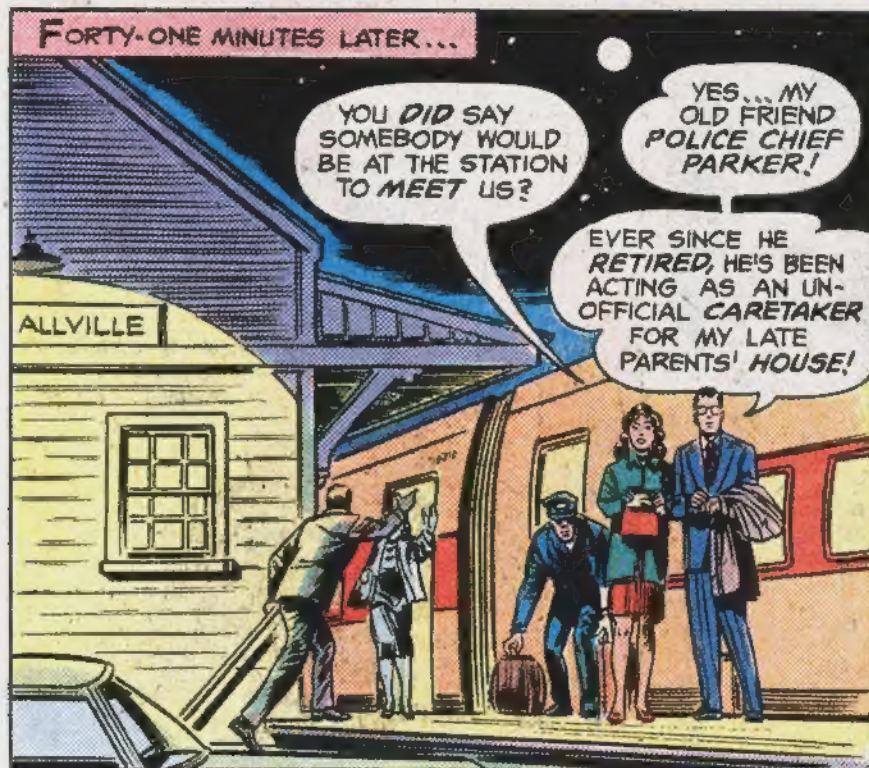


THE ACE REPORTER SETTLES BACK AND CLOSES HIS EYES-- BUT THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM THE MENTAL TENSION SEALED WITHIN...

A PARTNER ON THIS ASSIGNMENT I DEFINITELY DON'T NEED!

I SUSPECT I'LL HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS AS IT IS ONCE WE GET TO SMALLVILLE!

HOW COULD PERRY DO THIS TO ME?

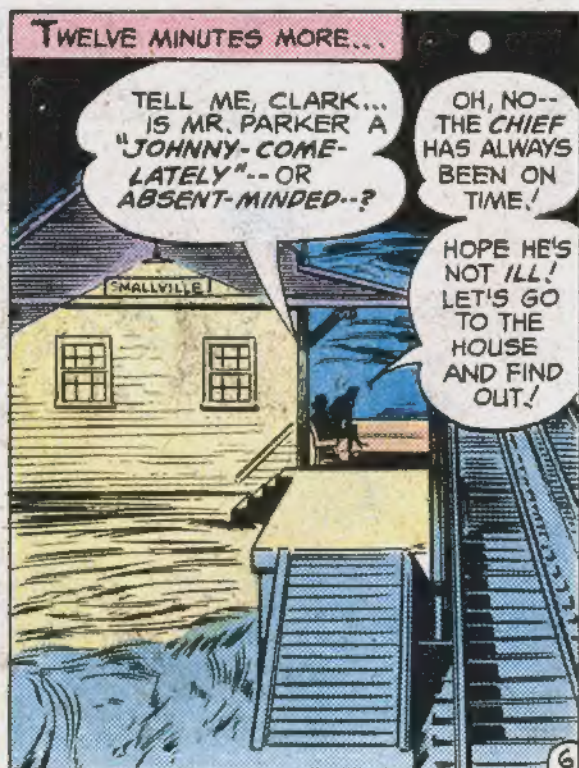


FORTY-ONE MINUTES LATER...

YOU DID SAY SOMEBODY WOULD BE AT THE STATION TO MEET US?

YES... MY OLD FRIEND POLICE CHIEF PARKER!

EVER SINCE HE RETIRED, HE'S BEEN ACTING AS AN UN-OFFICIAL CARETAKER FOR MY LATE PARENTS' HOUSE!

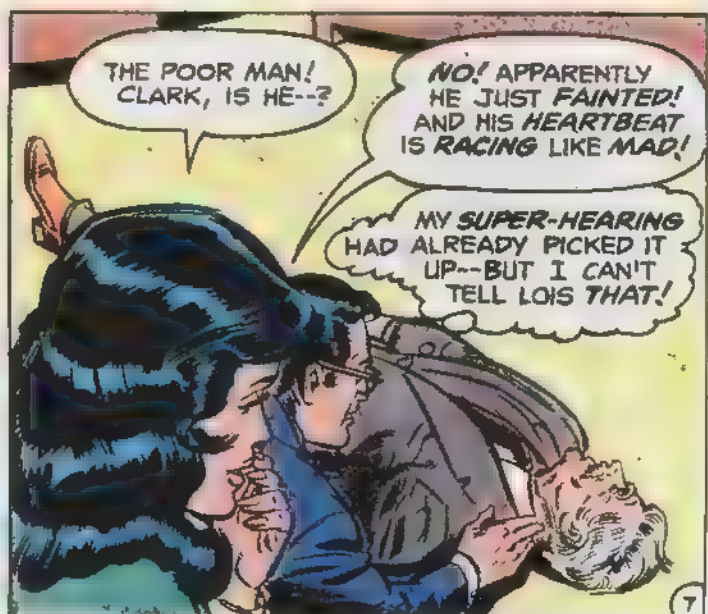


TWELVE MINUTES MORE...

TELL ME, CLARK... IS MR. PARKER A "JOHNNY-COME-LATELY"--OR ABSENT-MINDED--?

OH, NO-- THE CHIEF HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON TIME!

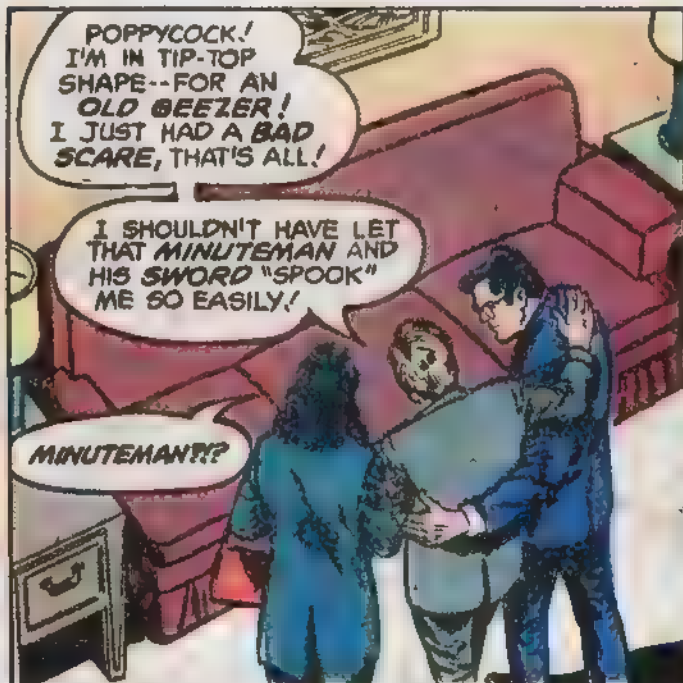
HOPE HE'S NOT ILL! LET'S GO TO THE HOUSE AND FIND OUT!





THERE YOU ARE, CLARK MY BOY! AND THAT **LOVELY VISION** STANDING NEXT TO YOU IS THE **FAMOUS LOIS LANE!**

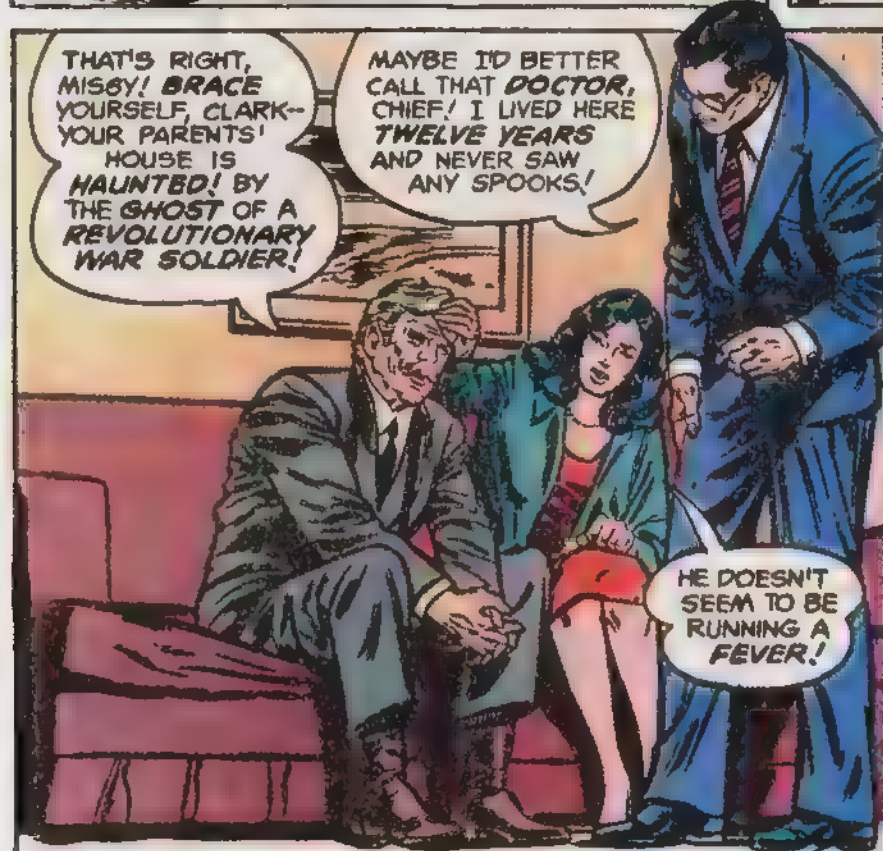
SINCE YOU DIDN'T MEET US, WE CAME RIGHT OVER! SHALL I CALL A **DOCTOR?**



POPPYCOCK! I'M IN TIP-TOP SHAPE--FOR AN **OLD BEEZER!** I JUST HAD A **BAD SCARE**, THAT'S ALL!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET THAT **MINUTEMAN** AND HIS **SWORD "SPOOK"** ME SO EASILY!

MINUTEMAN!?



THAT'S RIGHT, **MISSY!** **BRACE** YOURSELF, CLARK--YOUR PARENTS' HOUSE IS **HAUNTED!** BY THE **GHOST** OF A **REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER!**

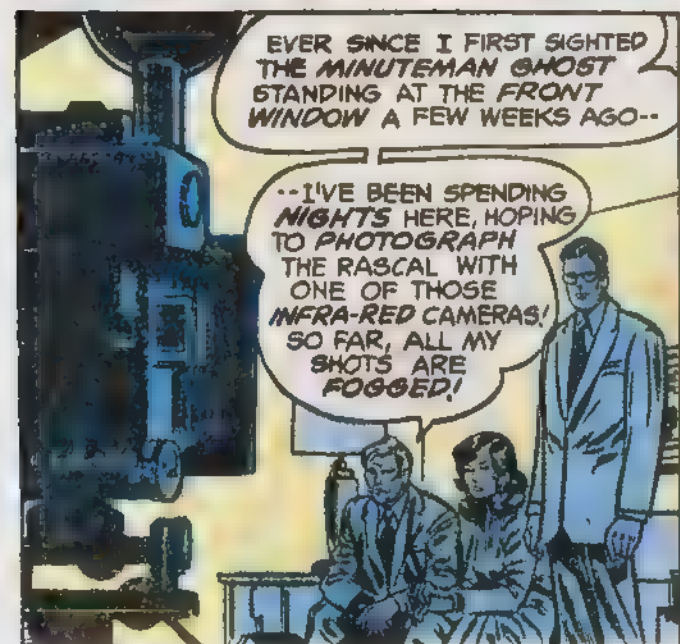
MAYBE I'D BETTER CALL THAT **DOCTOR**, CHIEF! I LIVED HERE **TWELVE YEARS** AND NEVER SAW ANY **SPOOKS!**

HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE **RUNNING A FEVER!**



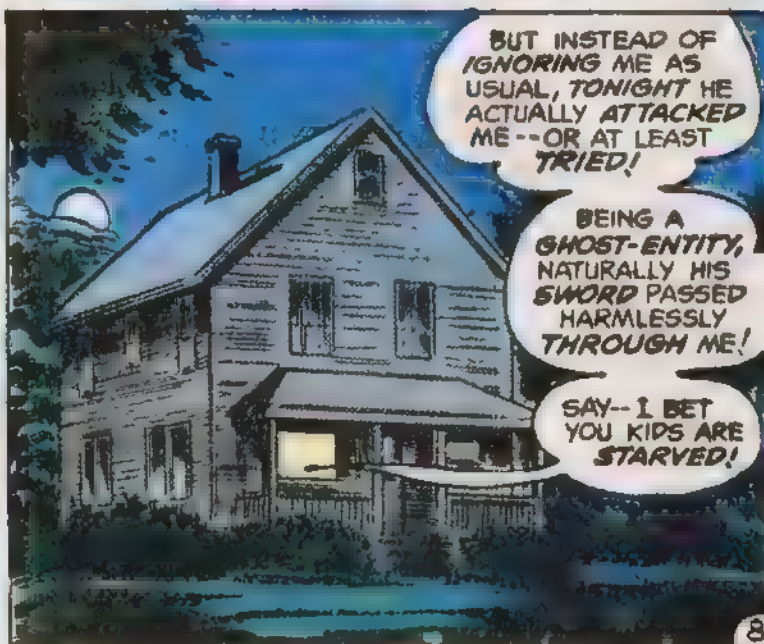
WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT AN **OLD MAN'S DELUSIONS!** YOU SEE ALL THAT **SCIENTIFIC HARDWARE?** IT'S THE SORT OF EQUIPMENT USED BY **PARA-PSYCHOLOGISTS--**

--ALSO KNOWN AS **"GHOST-HUNTERS!"**



EVER SINCE I FIRST SIGHTED THE **MINUTEMAN GHOST** STANDING AT THE **FRONT WINDOW** A FEW WEEKS AGO--

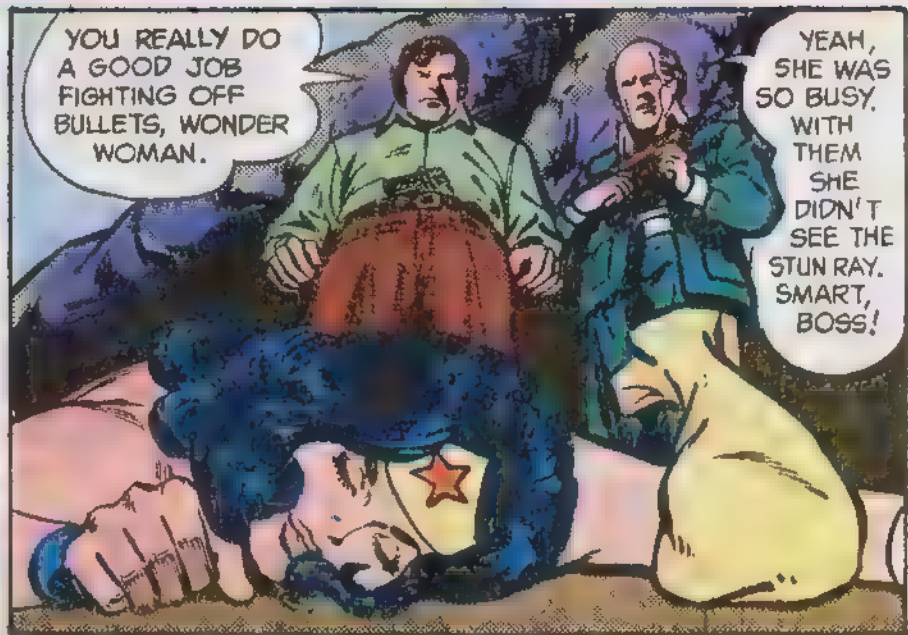
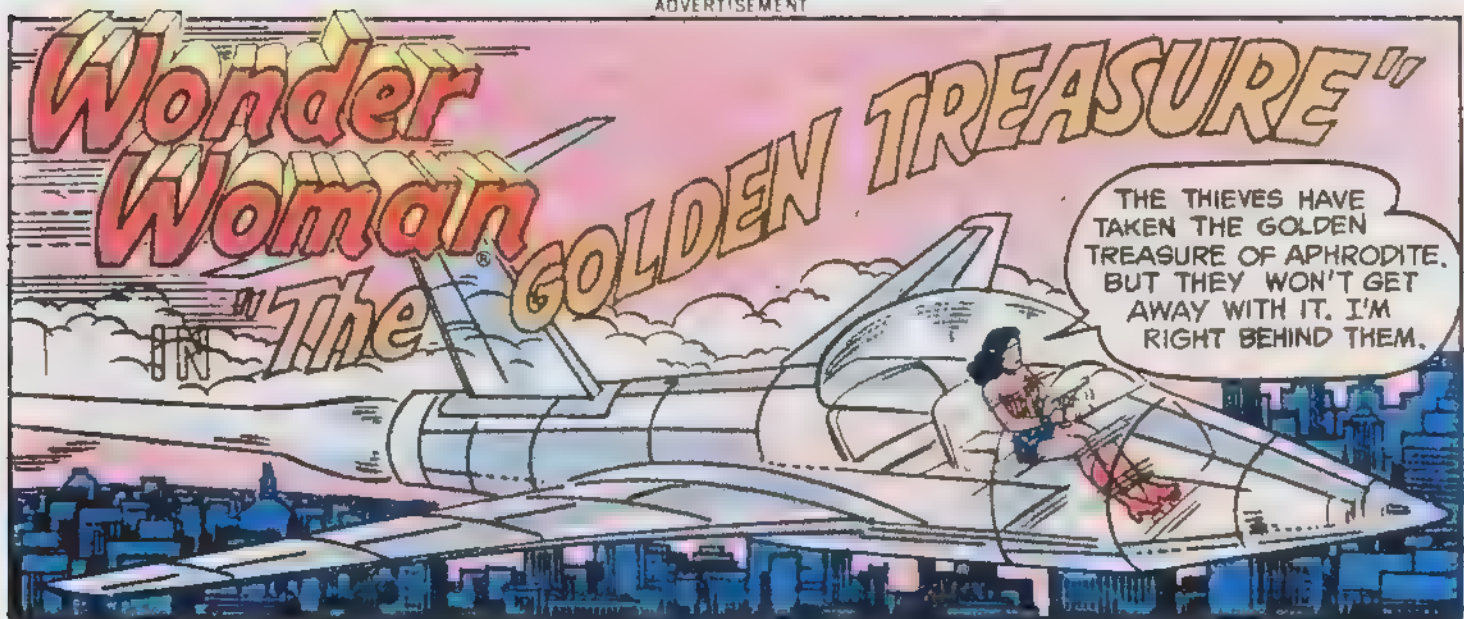
--I'VE BEEN SPENDING **NIGHTS** HERE, HOPING TO **PHOTOGRAPH** THE **RASCAL** WITH ONE OF THOSE **INFRA-RED CAMERAS!** SO FAR, ALL MY SHOTS ARE **FOGGED!**



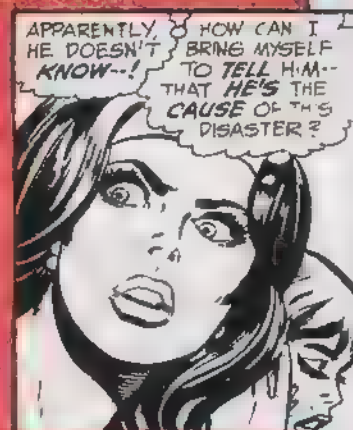
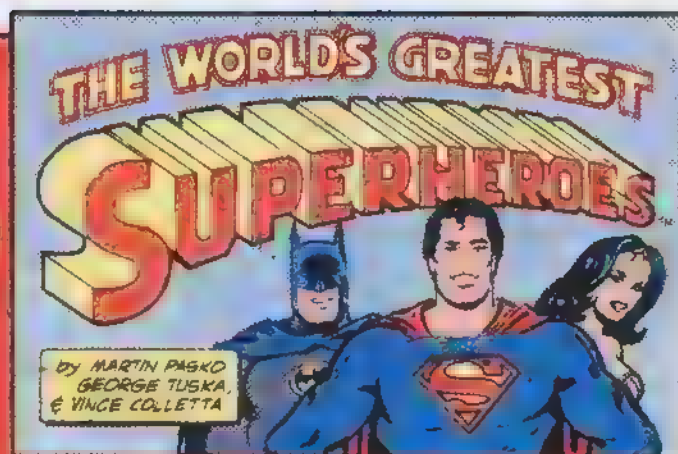
BUT INSTEAD OF **IGNORING** ME AS USUAL, **TONIGHT** HE **ACTUALLY ATTACKED** ME--OR AT LEAST **TRIED!**

BEING A **GHOST-ENTITY**, NATURALLY HIS **SWORD** PASSED **HARMLESSLY** THROUGH ME!

SAY-- I BET YOU **KIDS** ARE **STARVED!**

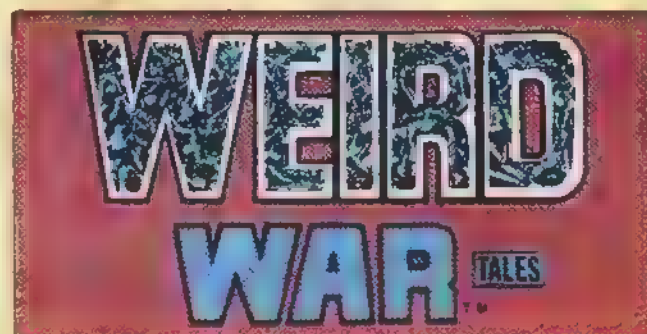


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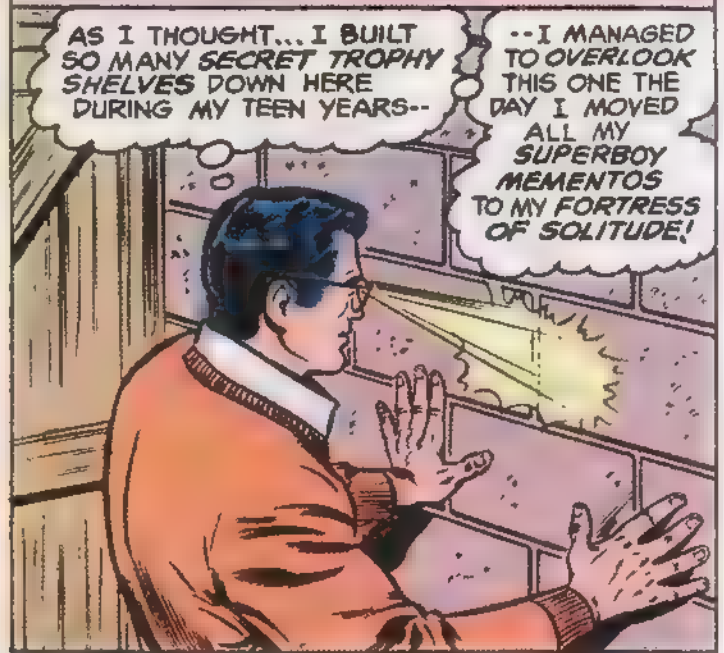
SOME TIME LATER, IN THE SAME KITCHEN WHERE MARTHA KENT PREPARED COUNTLESS MEALS FOR HER GROWING SON OF STEEL...



I MUST SAY, CHIEF PARKER--YOUR MULLIGAN STEW SMELLS DELECTABLE!

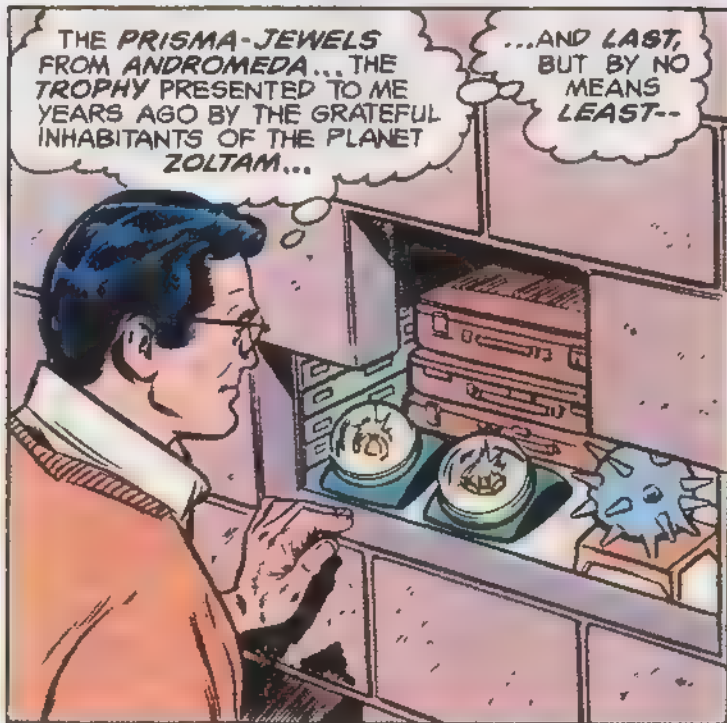
CORRECTION, MISS LANE-- PARKER STEW! MY OWN RECIPE!

WHILE, IN THE KENT BASEMENT BELOW, A GRIM CLARK RUMMAGES IN SOLITUDE...



AS I THOUGHT... I BUILT SO MANY SECRET TROPHY SHELVES DOWN HERE DURING MY TEEN YEARS--

--I MANAGED TO OVERLOOK THIS ONE THE DAY I MOVED ALL MY SUPERBOY MEMENTOS TO MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!



THE PRISMA-JEWELS FROM ANDROMEDA... THE TROPHY PRESENTED TO ME YEARS AGO BY THE GRATEFUL INHABITANTS OF THE PLANET ZOLTAM...

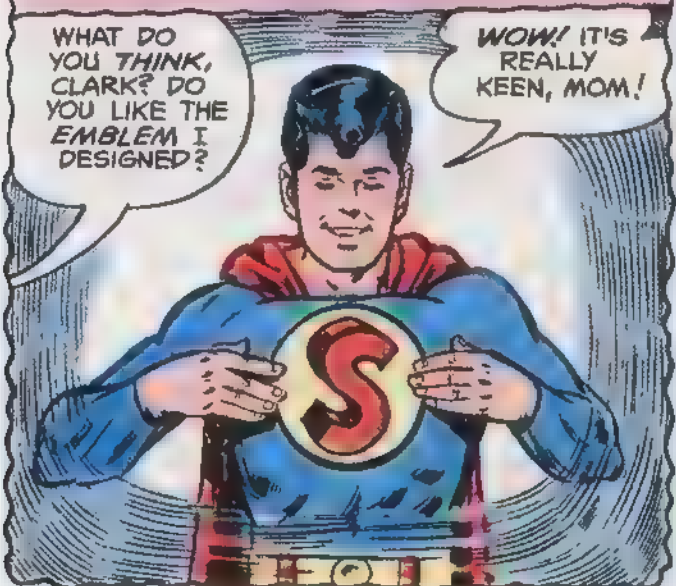
...AND LAST, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST--



--THE ALTERNATE S-EMBLEM!

WOVEN BY MA KENT FROM THE SAME INDESTRUCTIBLE KRYPTONIAN BLANKETS MY SUPER-UNIFORM CAME FROM!

"IT WAS A MONUMENTAL DAY, MANY YEARS AGO--WHEN MY PARENTS DECIDED THE TIME HAD COME FOR SUPERBOY TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO THE WORLD..."



WHAT DO YOU THINK, CLARK? DO YOU LIKE THE EMBLEM I DESIGNED?

WOW! IT'S REALLY KEEN, MOM!



BEFORE YOU MAKE UP YOUR MIND, SON--TRY MY EMBLEM-DESIGN ON FOR SIZE!

AS SOON AS YOU DECIDE WHICH S YOU WANT, WE CAN PUT IT ON!

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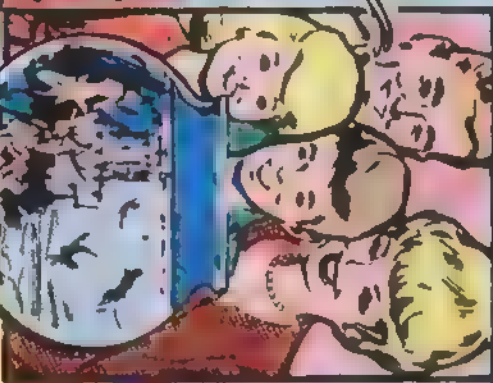
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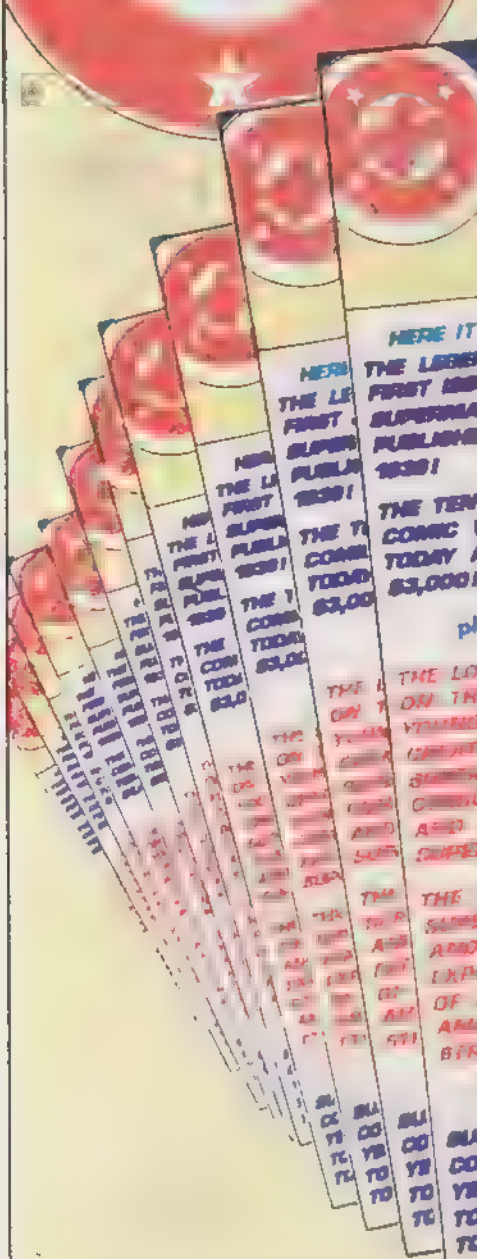
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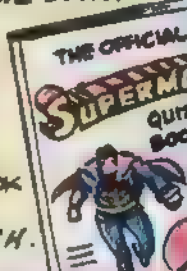
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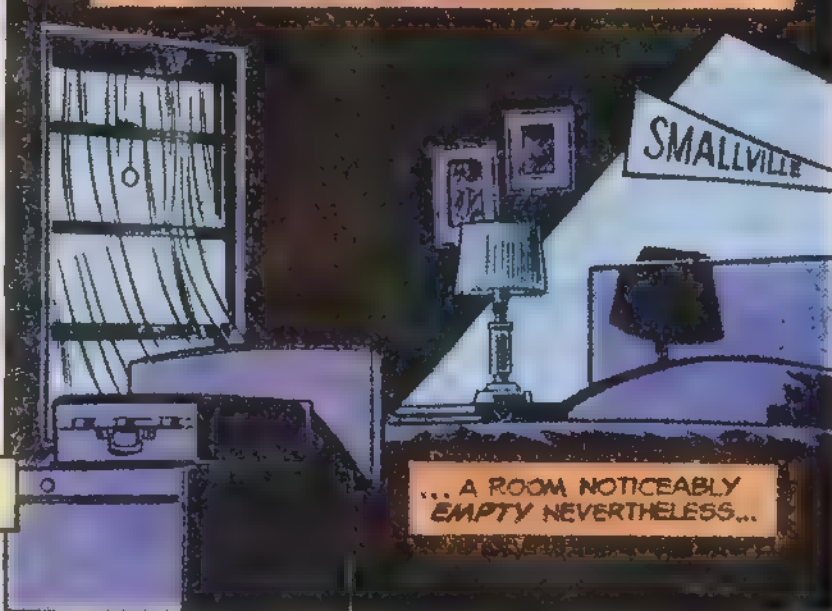
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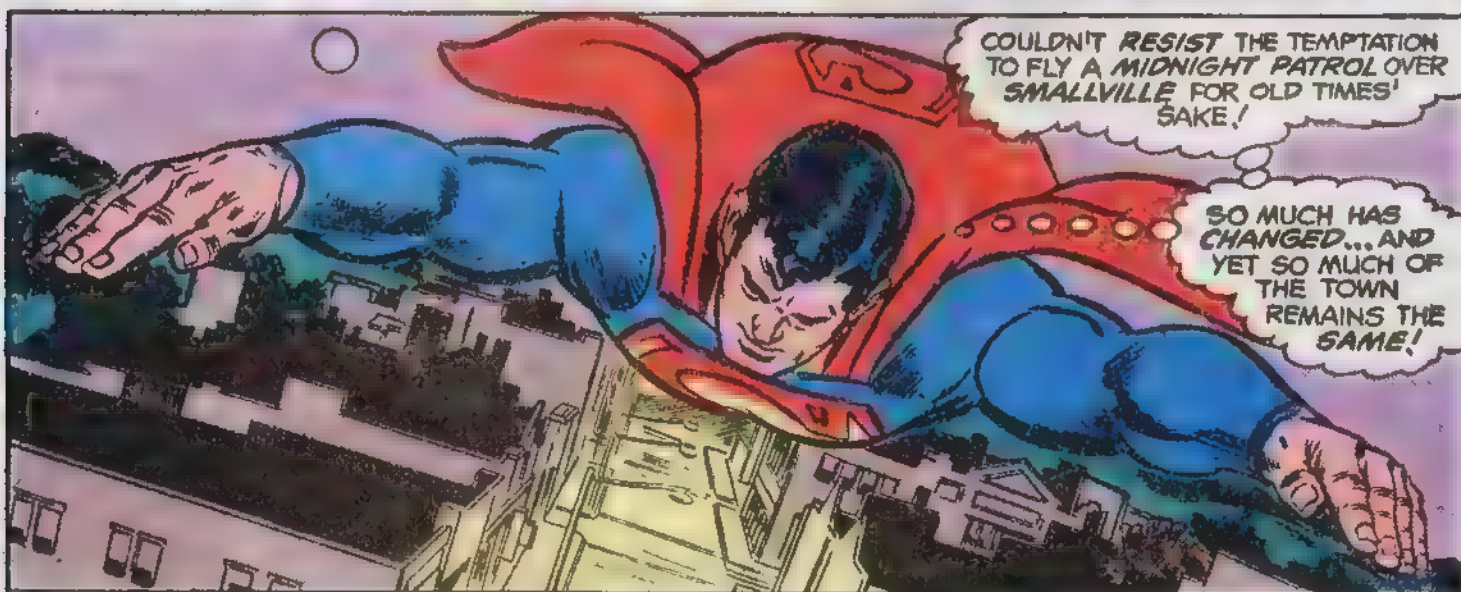


AS FOR CLARK KENT...

...ONLY MOMENTS AGO, HE SAID GOOD NIGHT AND CLIMBED THE FAMILIAR STAIRCASE TO THE ROOM THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS...

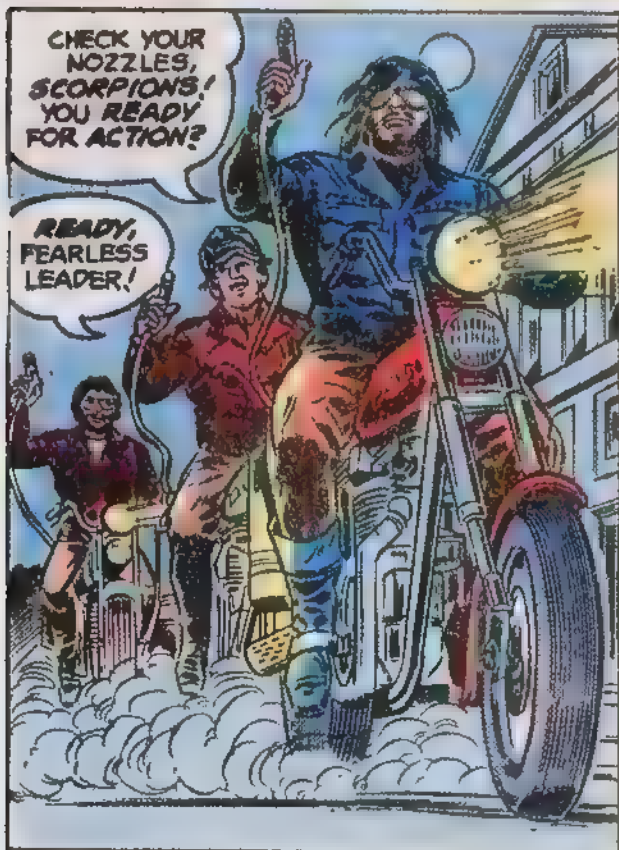


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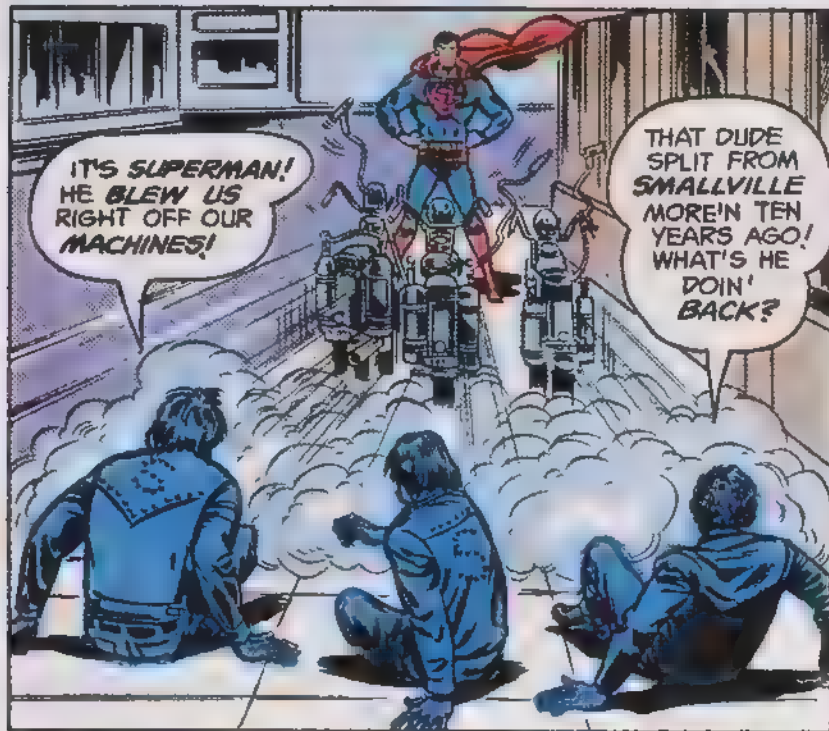
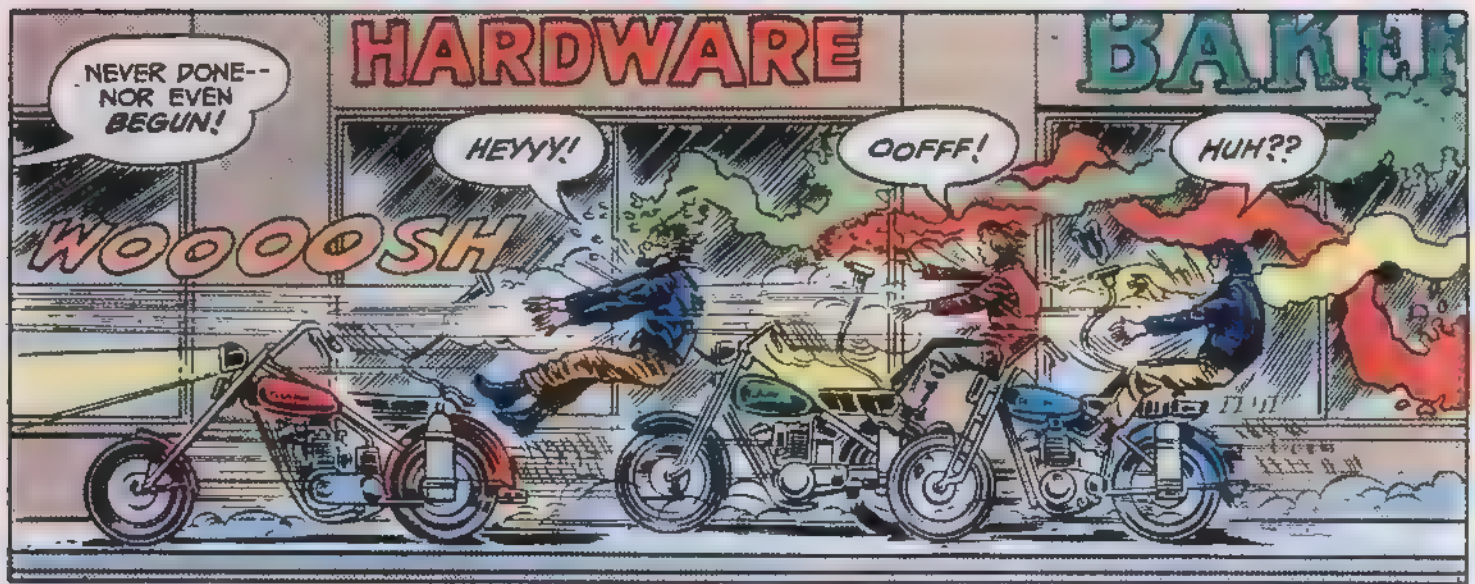
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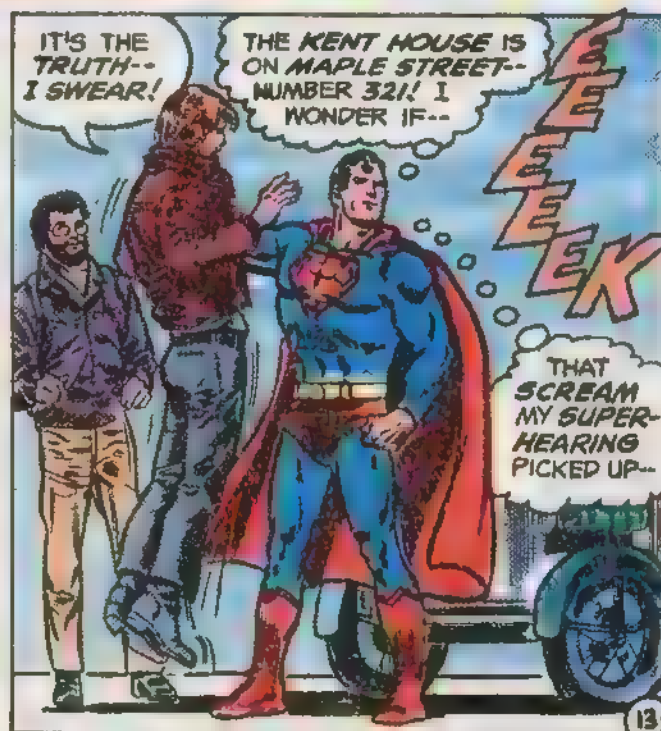
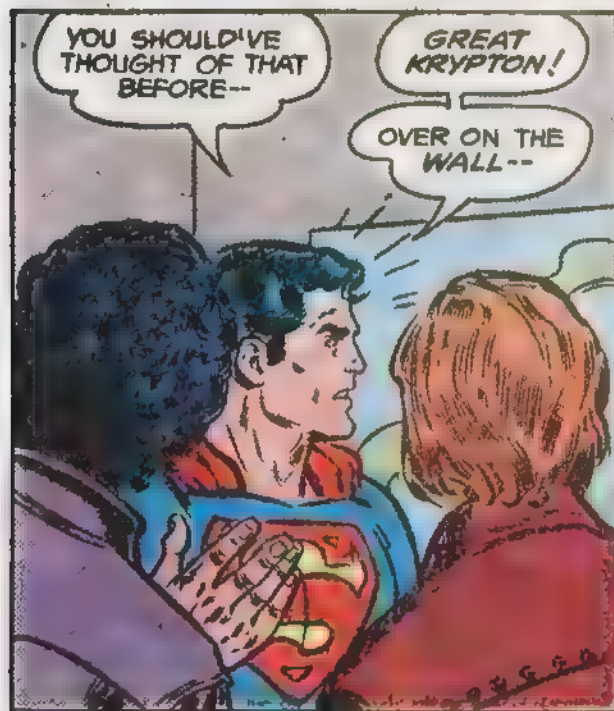
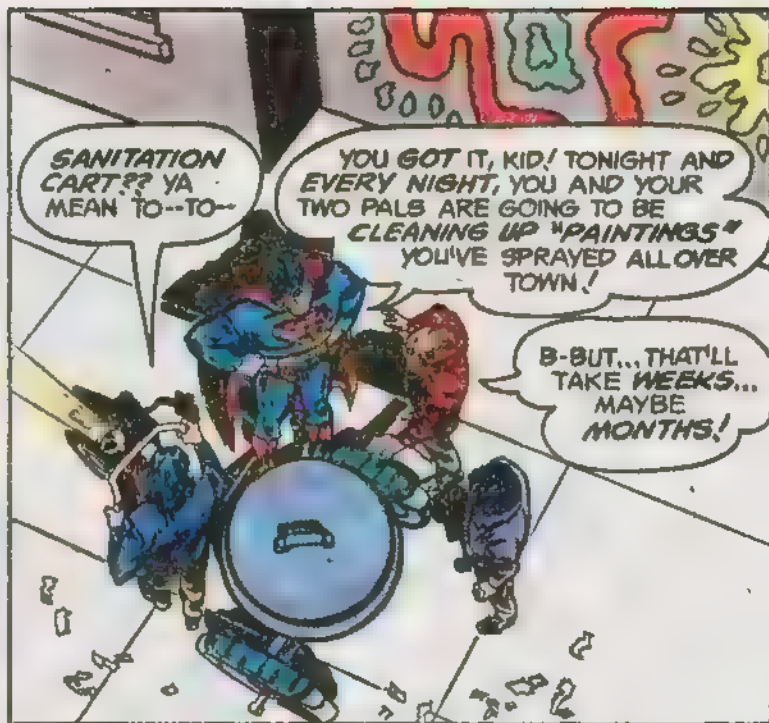
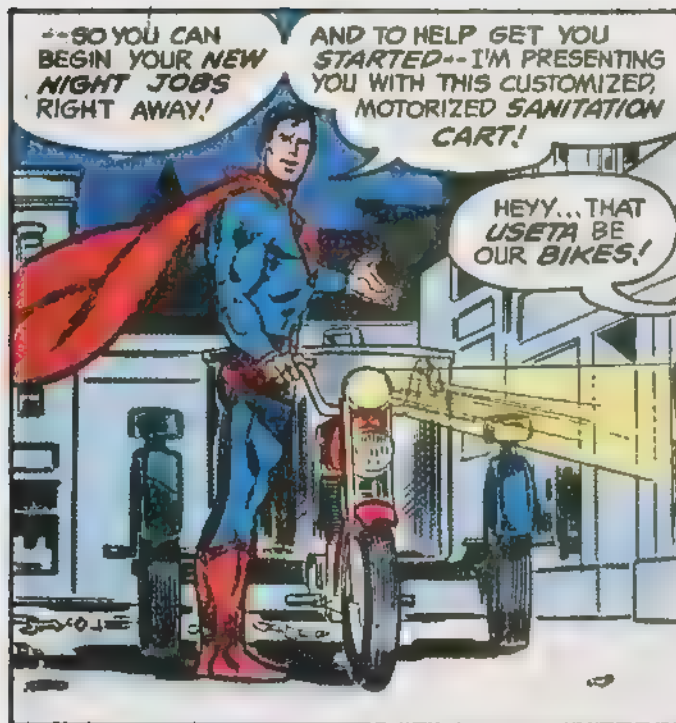
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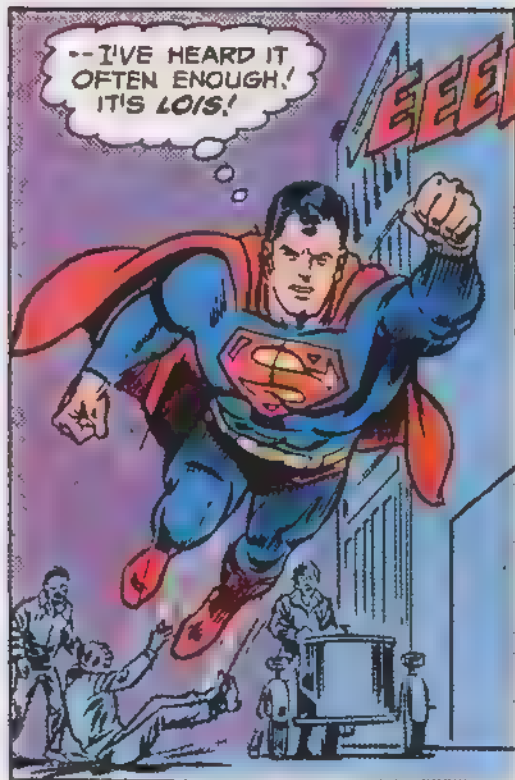
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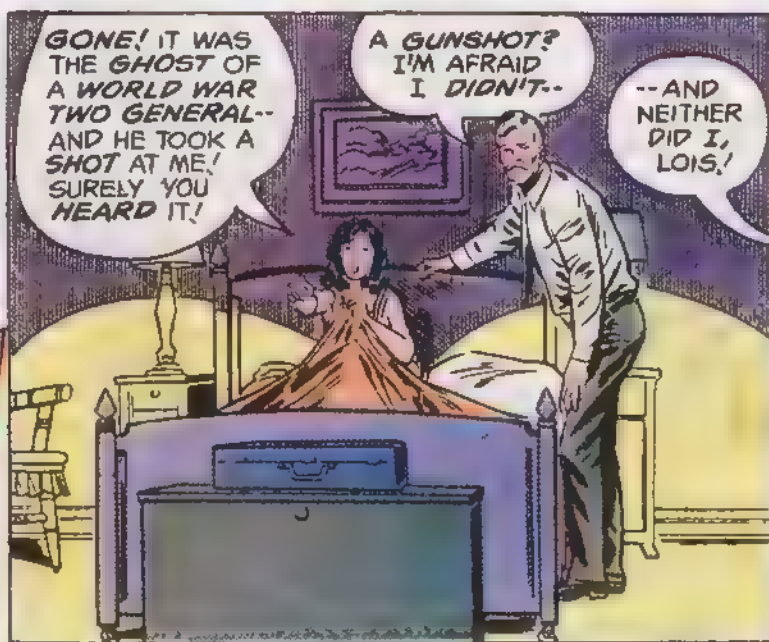


PLEASE...
CAN'T WE TALK?
DON'T SHOOT--



MISS
LANE!!!

BLAMMM



GONE! IT WAS
THE GHOST OF
A WORLD WAR
TWO GENERAL--
AND HE TOOK A
SHOT AT ME!
SURELY YOU
HEARD IT!

A GUNSHOT?
I'M AFRAID
I DIDN'T--

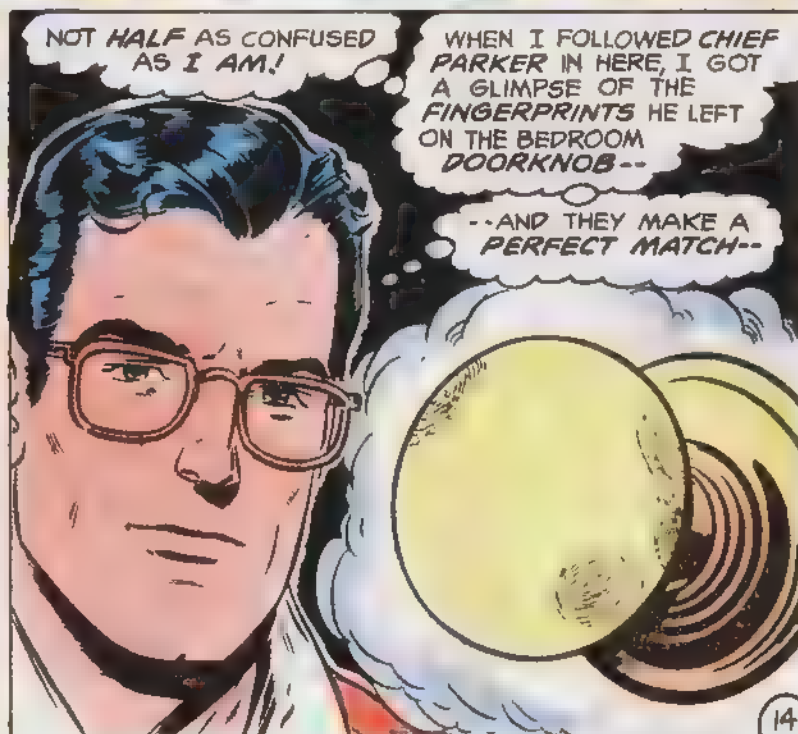
--AND
NEITHER
DID I,
LOIS!



AS I FLEW IN, MY
SUPER-VISION DIDN'T
REVEAL ANY GHOST-
GENERAL! WHATEVER
LOIS SAW WAS
MEANT FOR HER
EYES ALONE!

BUT HE WAS
HERE, I TELL
YOU --AND HE
SEEMED SO REAL!

NOW I AM
CONFUSED,
MISSY!

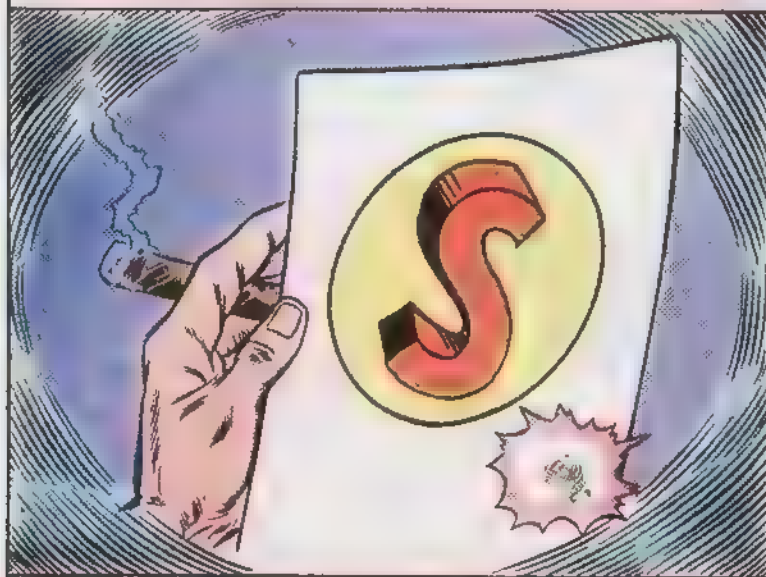


NOT HALF AS CONFUSED
AS I AM!

WHEN I FOLLOWED CHIEF
PARKER IN HERE, I GOT
A GLIMPSE OF THE
FINGERPRINTS HE LEFT
ON THE BEDROOM
DOORKNOB--

--AND THEY MAKE A
PERFECT MATCH--

"--WITH THE ALMOST-IMPERCEPTIBLE PRINTS MY MICROSCOPIC VISION SPOTTED ON THE ANONYMOUS SKETCH PERRY SHOWED US!"

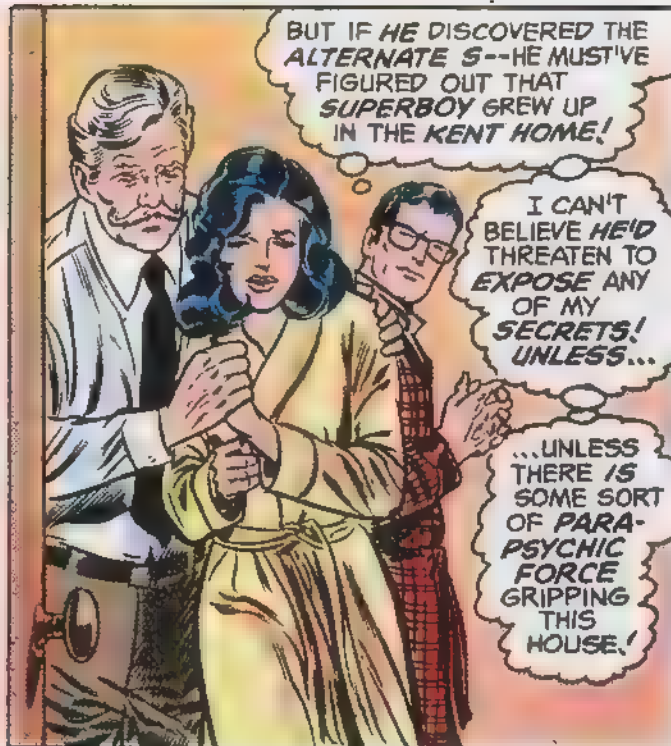


"CONCLUSION--THE MYSTERY MAN WHO MAILED THE SECRET S TO THE PLANET WAS CHIEF PARKER!"

BUT IF HE DISCOVERED THE ALTERNATE S--HE MUST'VE FIGURED OUT THAT SUPERBOY GREW UP IN THE KENT HOME!

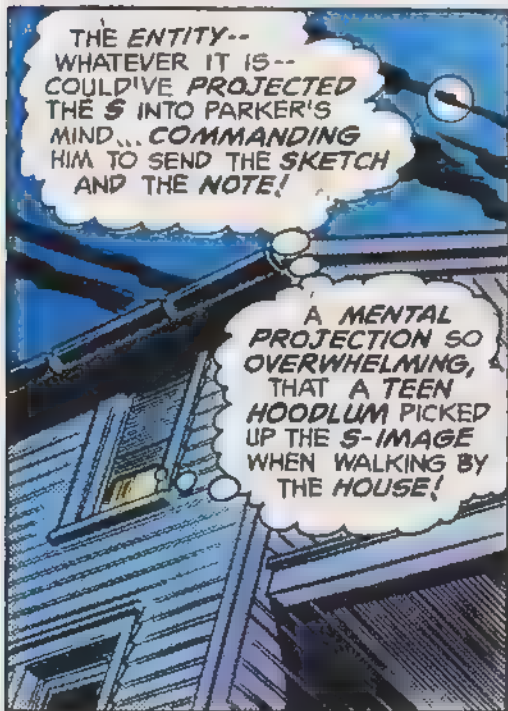
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D THREATEN TO EXPOSE ANY OF MY SECRETS! UNLESS...

...UNLESS THERE IS SOME SORT OF PARA-PSYCHIC FORCE GRIPPING THIS HOUSE!



THE ENTITY-- WHATEVER IT IS-- COULDN'T PROJECTED THE S INTO PARKER'S MIND... COMMANDING HIM TO SEND THE SKETCH AND THE NOTE!

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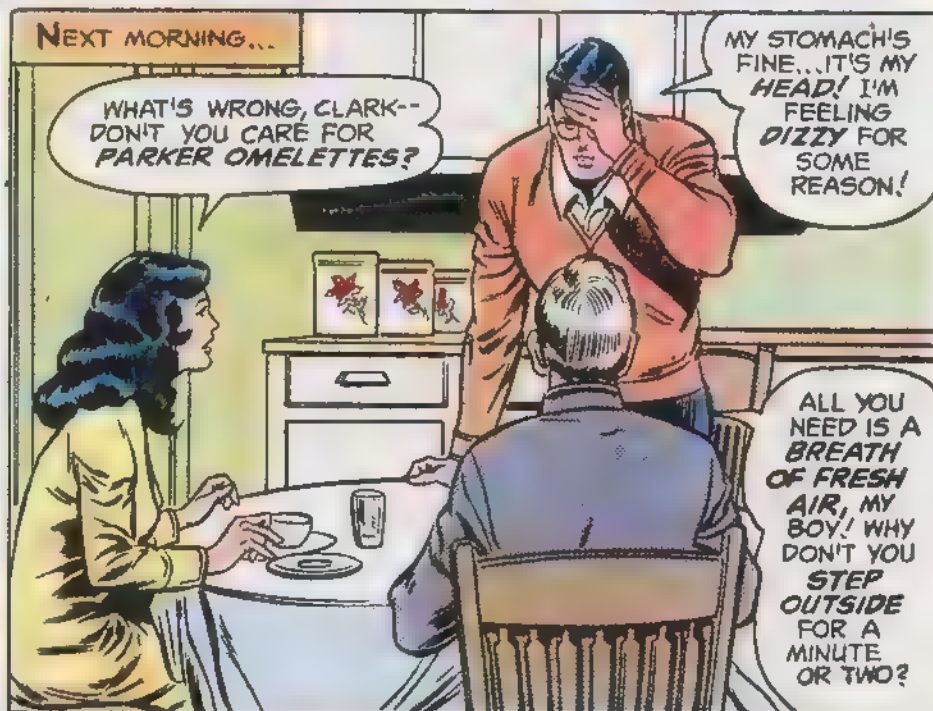


NEXT MORNING...

WHAT'S WRONG, CLARK-- DON'T YOU CARE FOR PARKER OMELETTES?

MY STOMACH'S FINE...IT'S MY HEAD! I'M FEELING DIZZY FOR SOME REASON!

ALL YOU NEED IS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR, MY BOY! WHY DON'T YOU STEP OUTSIDE FOR A MINUTE OR TWO?



JUST BETWEEN US, MISSY--FOR A BOY OF CLARK'S BUILD, HE WAS THE MOST SICKLY YOUNGSTER I EVER KNEW!

LOOKED NEARLY AS HUSKY AS SUPERBOY THEN--BUT YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW OFTEN HE'D GET SICK AND HAVE TO EXCUSE HIMSELF!

SOMEHOW I THINK I WOULD, CHIEF...



THAT DIZZINESS ATTACK WAS NO PUT-ON! MY HEAD IS ACTUALLY REELING-- AS IF THERE WERE A TREMENDOUS POWER-DRAIN ON MY BRAIN CELLS!

I CAN'T EVEN DESCRIBE THE WAY I FEEL...



AND INSIDE, PARKER GETS BACK TO THE SUBJECT OF HAUNTINGS...

...SO YOU SEE-- **BOTH** OF US COULD'VE SEEN THE **SAME SPIRIT!** THE FORM IT TAKES DEPENDS ON EACH PERSON'S **MENTAL CONDITIONING**--

--LIKE MY BEING A **REVOLUTIONARY WAR BUFF**... OR YOUR MEMORIES OF AN **UNCLE WHO WAS A GENERAL** IN **WORLD WAR TWO!**



I UNDERSTAND! THEN ACCORDING TO YOUR **THEORY**, IF THE "**SPIRIT**" DECIDED TO APPEAR TO **CLARK**--

--IT WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF THE STRONGEST **WARRIOR-TYPE IMAGE** BURIED IN **CLARK'S** HEAD--

--BUT WHAT **THAT** WOULD BE I CAN'T IMAGINE!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE FOREST OUTSIDE **SMALLVILLE**...

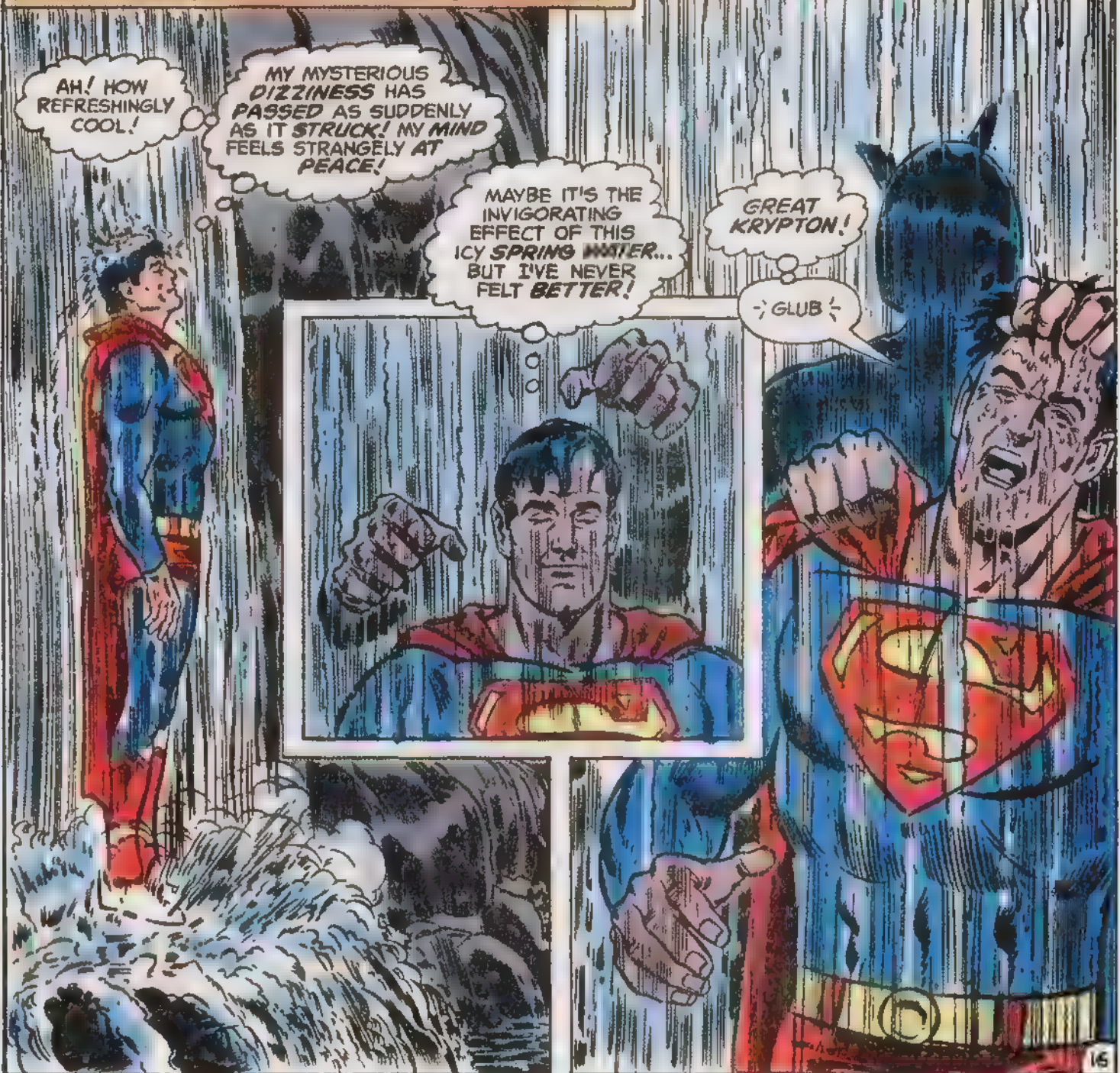
AH! HOW REFRESHINGLY COOL!

MY MYSTERIOUS **DIZZINESS** HAS PASSED AS SUDDENLY AS IT **STRUCK!** MY MIND FEELS STRANGELY AT **PEACE!**

MAYBE IT'S THE INVIGORATING EFFECT OF THIS **ICY SPRING WATER**... BUT I'VE NEVER FELT **BETTER!**

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~GLUB~



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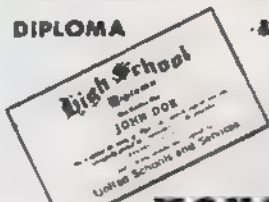
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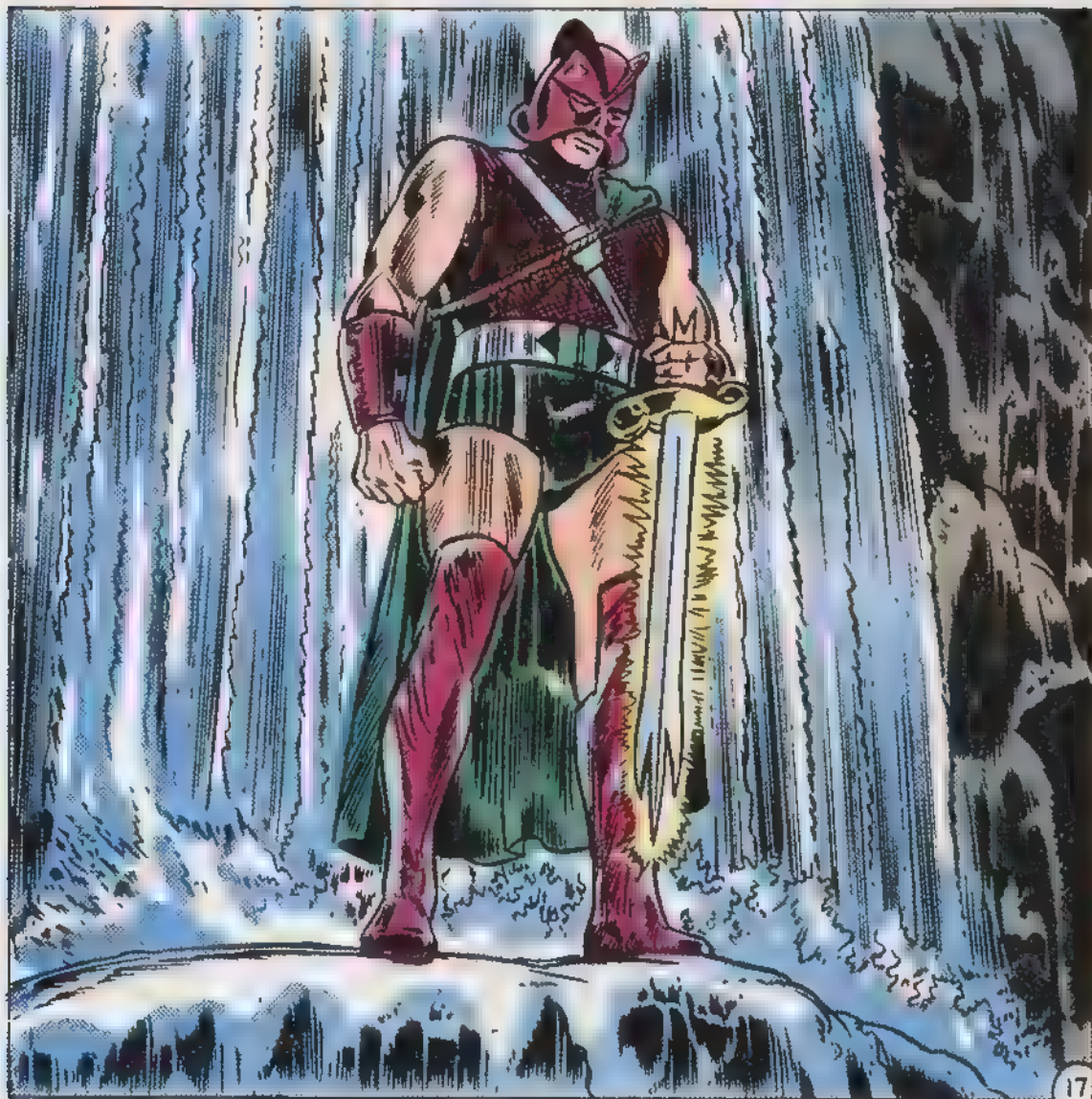
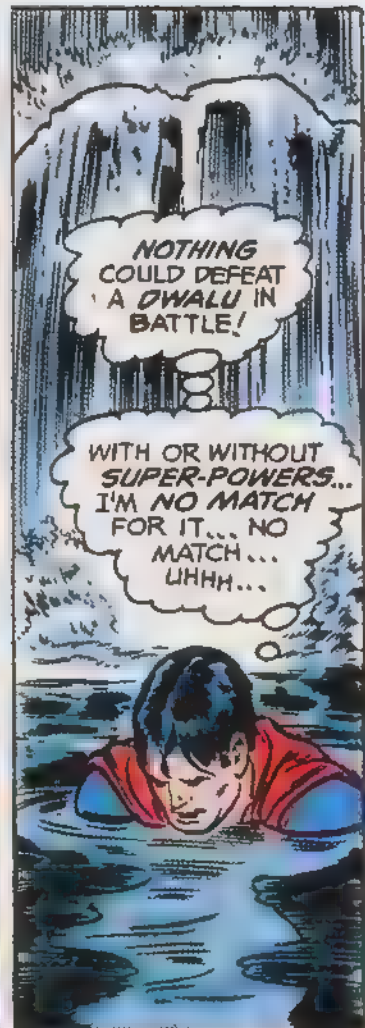
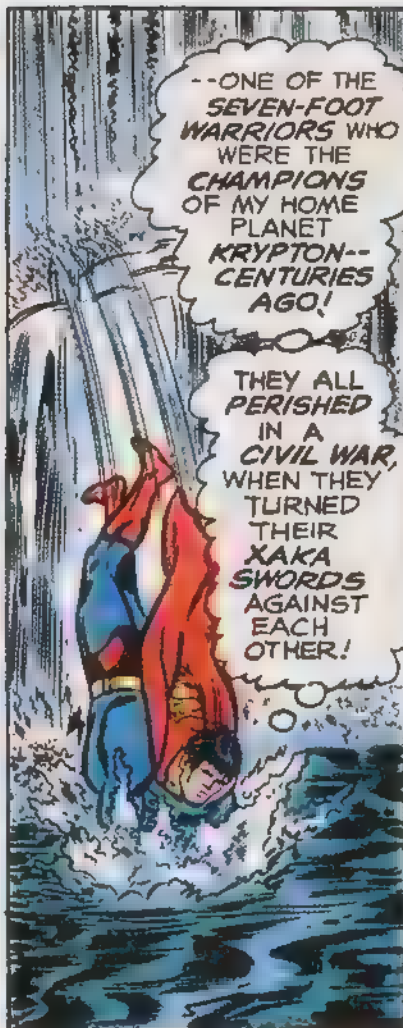
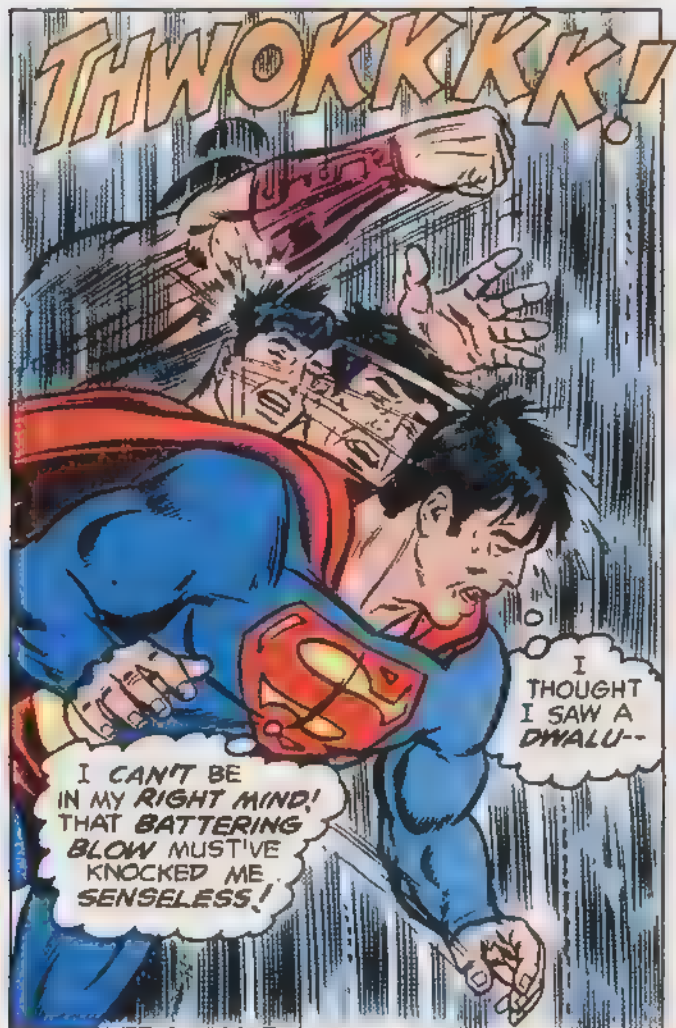


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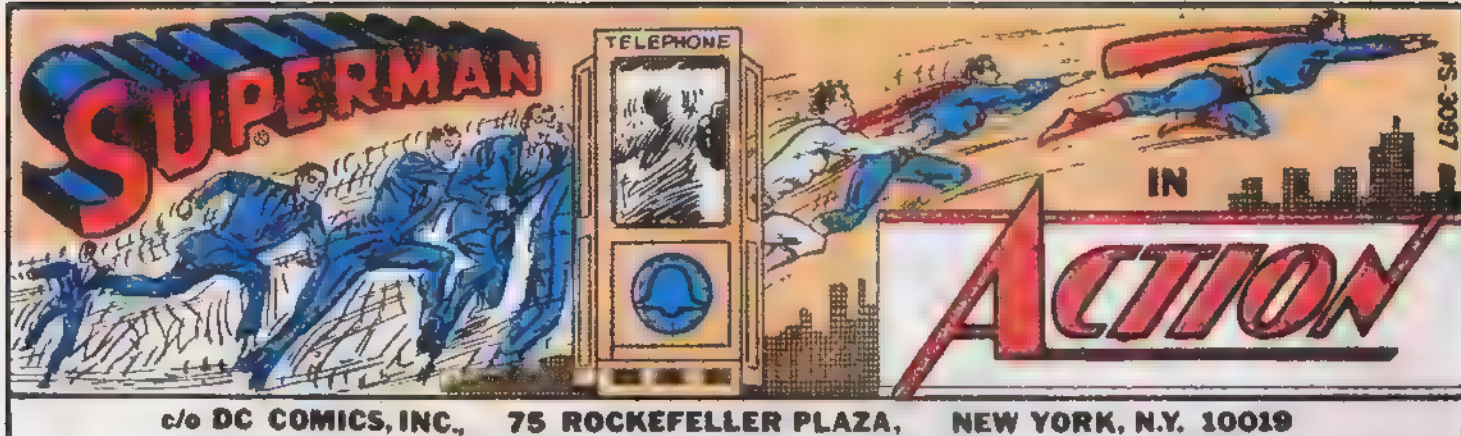
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Dear Editor:

Tell me please what has gotten into Cary Bates! Somehow his stories lately have been superb evocations of the late sixties when his classic tales took *Superman* out of the doldrums and catapulted Mr. Bates to star status. "Krypton Dies Again" (#489) came mighty close to those Bates' classics because he has come full circle and gotten back to the basics of a good *Superman* story while still retaining all he has learned of characterization and plot development.

Naturally, stories pertaining to anniversaries of Krypton's demise have abounded for years, but this time a new angle is added—the light of Krypton's holocaust finally reaching Earth. In itself, this would appear to be just another Bates gimmick, but whether intentionally or not, Cary came up with an interesting contrast in terms of the approach to the phenomenon. Earth's approach was a hype—a media event, exploited and sensationalized like so many other modern newsworthy events. This contrasted with the solemn, reverent outlook the Kandorians took by wearing black headbands and standing in respectful silence—a nice touch.

Also making the story notable were the guest stars: Lois, Jimmy, and Clark's other co-workers; *Supergirl* and the citizens of Kandor; the *Justice League*; and last, the return of Brainiac. As baddies go, Brainiac has been one of the best, and here it was interesting to note that he, too, exploited the phenomenon—as a weapon.

Curt Swan, of course, did his normally great job, but he deserves special mention for truly capturing the drama and suspense of the countdown as seen cinematically on Earth, in Kandor, and from Superman's viewpoint in space.

This story was simply a classic and hopefully is another in a succession of good stories building up to the fast-approaching 500th issue.

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Dear DC:

Cary Bates' plot in *ACTION* #489 was earmarked by originality and creative use of a bunch of old elements. It was great because of the scientific believability of the concept. It was interesting to see the Man of Steel's response to a fully personal emotional threat (even before it turned into a physical threat).

The cameos added realism and were well-done. It was good to again face the menace of Brainiac. If part 2 is as interesting as this episode, Cary will have scripted a meaningful and entertaining *Superman* story.

Curt Swan and Frank Chiaramonte are fine artists. However, I'd like to offer one criticism. I realize it is rarely that Curt is criticized, but I do think his faces could use more detail and expression. The people look too blank in several panels.

The *Atom* story was fun to read, and Bob Rozakis wrote a

well-paced script. I've always liked *The Atom* (I still think his powers should be heightened). The Alex Saviuk/Vince Colletta art was good and the logo looks great. The only strained element in the story was the amazing dexterity of the thief who could catch such a small object (*The Atom*) so easily. It is hard to believe he could grasp *The Atom* in a well-lit room, let alone by the head in the dark.

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Rooney became very dexterous back in his vaudeville days before he got really good—because of all the things the audience threw that he had to dodge! Sorry we've had to discontinue *The Atom* for now. Hopefully, he'll return in the not-too-distant future.—E. Nelson Bridwell

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ASK THE ANSWER MAN

Q: Are *Flash* and *Kid Flash* related?—Jeffrey Wilson. A: *Wally (Kid Flash) West* is the nephew-by-marriage of *Barry (Flash) Allen*. *Wally's* father and *Iris Allen* are brother and sister.

Q: When and where did *Green Lantern* first appear?—John Runion. A: The original *GL* debuted in *ALL-AMERICAN COMICS* #16 and the new version first appeared in *SHOWCASE* #22.

Q: Who was the first super-hero made by DC?—Brad Potston. A: The first hero recognized as such was none other than *Superman*!

Q: What was the Earth-2 *Catwoman's* maiden name?—Stephen Kasuba. A: Same as the Earth-1 *Feline Fury's*, *Selina Kyle*.

Q: Any *Bizarro* stories coming up?—Lee Kuivinen. A: He appeared just recently in *SUPERMAN* #333.

Q: Where can I get copies of *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* #12 and 14?—Ron Schott. A: Try one of the back issues dealers who advertise in our books.

Q: How many issues of its own book did the *Legion* have?—Mark W.C. Watkins. A: *LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES*, a reprint title, ran four issues.

Q: Who first discovered Earth-2?—Peter Nyblom. A: *The Flash*, in the now-classic "Flash of Two Worlds" in *FLASH* #123.

Q: Who were the members of the *Legion of Super-Pets*?—Brent Burton. A: *Krypto*.

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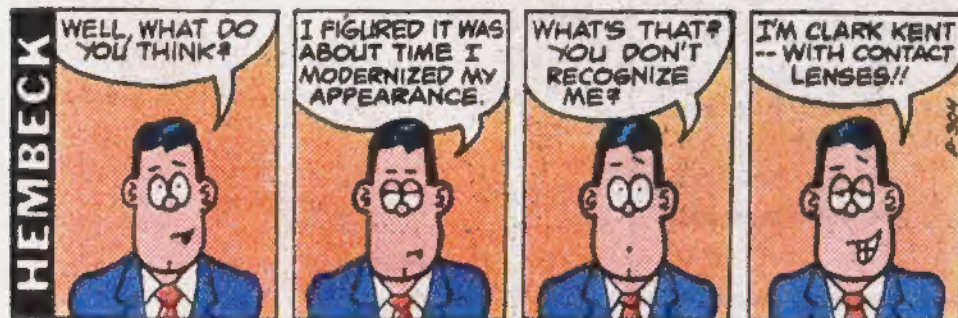
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